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SUB: CHANGE IN IRANIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS 2535

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1. THE CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN (CBI), UNDER CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 123006, HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT IMPORTS OF 33 ITEMS DESIGNATED IN THE IMPORT REGULATIONS FOR 2535 AS REQUIRING PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES AND MINES HAVE BEEN FREED OF THIS NECESSITY. MOST OF THE ABOVE ITEMS WERE SIMILARLY FREED OF THE NEED FOR PRIOR APPROVAL THROUGH A SIMILAR CIRCULAR LAST YEAR; HOWEVER, THE WAIVERS LAPSED ON MARCH 20, 1976. DIFFERENCES INCLUDE SOME BROADER AUTHORIZATION ON IMPORTS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF YARNS AND IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS.

2. THE COTTON TEXTILE ITEMS COVERED IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT INCLUDE THOSE NOTED IN TEHRAN 3547 AS HAVING BEEN "RE-CONTROLLED" BECAUSE THERE WAS NO WAIVER OF PRIOR PERMISSION ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME THE NEW IMPORT POLICY WAS ISSUED. THE NEW DEVELOPMENT MERELY POINTS UP THE EASE WITH WHICH THE IMPORTATION OF SOME ITEMS CAN BE ADMINISTRATIVELY EASED OR TIGHTENED.

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3. ITEMS FOR WHICH THE PRIOR APPROVAL HAS BEEN WAIVED ARE AS FOLLOWS (WITH THE IRANIAN TARIFF DESIGNATION IN PARENTHESES): OILS OF HIGH TEMPERATURE COAL TAR (27.97); INDUSTRIAL PESTICIDES, EXCEPT CYANIDRIC ACID, ARSENIC ELEMENTS, BROFORM, CHLOROFORM, ARESTIC, METAL CYANIDE, MERCURY, SILVER NITRATE, NITRO PRECIPITATE, PHOSPHORUS PULP, WHITE PHOSPHORUS, CALCIUM PHOSPHORUS, LEAD AND MERCURY ELEMENTS (28 AND 29); CHEMICALS, EXCEPT BENZENE AND TOLUENE (29.01); PHENOLS AND PHENOL ALCOHOL (29.06 A2); AUTOMOBILE TIRES; EXCEPT SNOW TIRES (40.11); TRUCK TIRES, EXCEPT SNOW TIRES (40.11); ALL RUBBER TUBES FOR TIRES (40.11); YARNS OF MAN-MADE FIBER (51.01); MONOFIL, STRIPS, ETC. (51.05); COTTON GAUZE (55.07); TERRY TOWELLING AND FABRICS (55.08); COTTON FABRICS (55.09); YARNS OF MAN-MADE FIBER (56.05); YARNS OF MAN-MADE FIBER (56.06); WOVEN FABRICS (56.07); WOVEN PILE FABRICS (58.04); UNWORKED DRAWN OR BLOWN GLASS (70.05); IRON AND STEEL BARS, RODS AND WIRES (73.10 A2 AND 73.14B); IRON AND STEEL BARS, RODS AND WIRES (73.10 A3, 73.10 B1 AND 73.14 C); IRON AND STEEL ANGLES, SHAPES AND SECTIONS (73.11 A2 AND 73.11 B1); IRON AND STEEL SHEETS EXCEPT SKEINS AND HANKS (73.13 B1 AND 73.13 C); STEEL TUBES, PIPES AND CONDUITS (73.18 AND 73.19); BOLTS AND NUTS (73.32 C); STOVES, RANGES, HEATERS AND OTHER NON-ELECTRIC HEATING ELEMENTS (73.36); NON-ELECTRIC COOKING AND HEATING APPARATUS (74.17); SAWS (82.02 D); PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR MOTORCYCLES, CYCLES, ETC., EXCEPT BODY, SPOKES, SEATS AND WHEELS (87.12); IRON BEAMS SIZE 8 AND 18 OR MORE (73.11 A2); FLOURS AND MEALS OF OIL SEEDS (12.02 A AND B); OZALID PAPERS (37).
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